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SUBJECT: POLAND CONDEMNS IRANIAN PRESIDENT'S INCREASING
EXTREMISM

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Classified By: CDA Mary Curtin for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (U) Poland reacted very quickly and strongly to Iranian President Ahmadi-Nejad's October 25 statement that Israel should be "wiped off the map" (reftel). The Polish MFA spokesman issued on October 27 a strong condemnation of Ahmadi-Nejad's remarks. Text follows in para 3 below.

2. (C) Pol-Mil Chief provided reftel demarche to Witold Waszczykowski, Deputy Director for Iran in the MFA Department for Middle East and Africa. Waszczykowski said that the GOP was taking Ahmadi-Nejad's statement very seriously. The Polish delegation had presented the MFA statement at the October 28 PSC meeting in Brussels, with the strong recommendation that the text be issued as part of the official Ministers' communique following the November 7 GAERC.

3. (U) BEGIN TEXT.

Information regarding the statement by the President of Iran on the subject of Israel

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland received with disbelief news agency reports that, during the October 26 conference in Tehran entitled "The World without Zionism," the President of Iran spoke out in favor of the "destruction of Israel." Such statements are unacceptable (in relations) between states. They violate international law and custom. They encourage hatred and hostility, in flagrant contrast to the atmosphere of Ramadan, the month of peace.

The Ministry expresses its hope that the aforementioned news reports do not reflect the actual content and intent of the speech of the President of Iran, including the foundations of Iranian foreign policy.

The Ministry awaits appropriate explanations from the Iranian authorities, on the basis of which, after having acquainted itself with the authorized text of the aforementioned speech, it will take prospective further actions. In order to obtain the appropriate explanations, the Ambassador of Iran was called into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

END TEXT.

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